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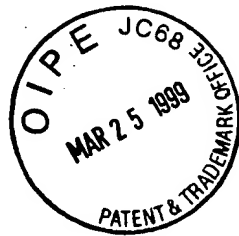
IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the office action mailed March 8, 1999, in connection with the above-identified patent application and is filed prior to the expiration of the one (1) month period for response set therein.

In response, Applicants elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, i.e., claims 1-16, 19-24, 27-30 and multi-dependent claims 31-34, drawn to error correction, classified in class 455, subclass 517.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all of claims 1-34 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See M.P.E.P. §803 in which it is stated that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without

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serious burden, the examiner **must** examine it on the merits" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

No fee is believed to be associated with the filing of this paper. Nonetheless, should the United States and Trademark Office determine that a fee is required, authorization is given to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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